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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT TRAOURI' S VISIT TO LIBYA APRIL 21-25

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1. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTERNOON APRIL 26, AS AVAILABLE TO US NOW IN LNA NEWS SERVICE SUMMARY, EMPHASIZES " THE PROSPECT OF DEVELOPING" COOPERATION AS EVIDENCED BY SIGNING OF LIBYAN/ MALIAN AGREEMENTS COVERING " TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL COOPERATION", PLUS SETTING UP A JOINT COMMITTEE.

2. LNA SUMMARY GOES ON TO SAY: " THE COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCED MALI' S DENUNCIATION OF ZIONIST AGGRESSION AGAINST ARABS AND EMPHASIZED HER SUPPORT OF ARAB NATION FOR LIBERATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ZIONISTS THROUGH ACTIVE SUPPORT OF IMPERIALISTS. MALI ALSO EMPHASIZED HER SUPPORT FOR THE STRUGGLE OF PALESTINIANS

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FOR RESTORATION OF THEIR USURPED RIGHTS.

" BOTH COUNTRIES ALSO DENOUNCED THE INTERFERENCE OF IMPERIALISM AND ZIONISM IN THE AFFAIRS OF AFRICA, ' WHICH ENDANGERS SECURITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES'.....

" PRESIDENT TRAOURI EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO COLONEL QADHAFI TO VISIT MALI, WHICH WAS ACCEPTED. THE DATE OF THE VISIT WILL BE FIXED LATER."

3. GENERAL ASSUMPTION IN DPL CORPS HERE IS THAT MALI RECEIVED SOME GENEROUS MONETARY REWARDS FROM LARG FOR HAVING BROKEN RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL EARLIER THIS YEAR. FRENCH CHARGE TELLS ME HE BELIEVES MONEY WAS PROMISED FOR BUILDING A DAM IN MALI, AND THAT EVEN BUDGETARY ASSISTANCE CANNOT BE EXCLUDED.

4. COMMENT: AS IN CASE OF TOMBALBAYE' S VISIT HERE LAST DECEMBER, AMOUNT OF LIBYAN LARGESSE (MOSTLY LOANS THEN) MAY WELL BE LARGE IN SUM TOTAL, BUT TIED TO PRESENTATION OF DETAILED PROJECT PLANS. SIMILARLY, WE DO NOT EXPECT TOTALS, INDEED ANY FIGURES TO BE PUBLICIZED HERE IN VIEW OF LIBYAN PUBLIC' S IRRITATION WITH LARG' S FOREIGN AID PROGRAM GENERALLY; MOST LIBYANS WOULD PREFER TO POCKET THE MONEY THEMSELVES.

5. FRENCH CHARGE ALSO SAYS TRAOURI LEFT HERE FOR ALGERIA, WHERE HE WOULD JOIN BOUMEDIENNE, OULD DADA, AND AHIDJO FOR OPENING OF SOME TRANS- SAHARAN HIGHWAYS. ON OTHER HAND, LNA SAYS HE LEFT FOR BAMAKO. JOSIF

NOTE BY OC/ T: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

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